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## Read, Mr. Engineer

An engineer needs diversion from his work perhaps more than any other professional person. Technical men have a tendency to virtually live "shop" and consequently know little of how the rest of the world lives.

Among the many channels of diversion for an engineer the reading of non-technical material is one of the best. Fiction, besides giving a respite from everyday life, has educational qualities. One just can't escape enlarging his vocabulary if he reads good fiction. Then, too, a good story affords a pleasant avenue of escape from the humdrum monotony of everyday life, into the land of make believe.

When reading Hervey Allen's "Anthony Adverse," one cannot help but live Anthony's life right along with him, from his birth to his death. The reader sees, through his eyes, Europe, Africa and America, as they were in days gone by. He shares Anthony's trials and his triumphs, his happiness and his sufferings.

Lewis' "Babbitt" and his, "Arrowsmith" are two others that will hold the interest of any engineer. One relates the life of a typical American business man, and the latter pictures the life and career of a doctor. You can actually visualize "good 'ole Georgie Babbitt," puffing industriously at his cigar, in his office, dictating pompously to his stenographer, or arguing futilely with his wife and children at home.

When you read "Arrowsmith," you feel that his is the kind of life you would like to live. You will admire him for his tireless efforts in his field; you will condemn, with him, the men who would use a profession for its mercenary value; you will share his loves, his hardships and his success.

Those and countless other books will surely afford interest, pleasure, and relaxation to any engineer. Wilson

R. Dumble, of the Department of English, in his "The Engineer's Bookshelf," offers some splendid suggestions for reading with every issue of the *Engineer*.

## Mr. Justice

Mr. Ora Justice, of the Industrial Engineering Department, passed away Monday, February the tenth, after a brief illness. He had been in the employ of the department since its organization in 1920, and was in charge of the Machine Shop Tool Room.

Most if us will recall many lifts and tips from him that helped us along in our shop work. Mr. Justice was always thoughtful and willing to help. It made him feel badly to have to reprimand us for being careless or occasionally neglecting to return our tools. He was like that, always reserved, kind and quiet. It is with deep regret that we announce the loss of a man who served so long and so well.

## The Toulmin Award

The Toulmin Award is the gift of Colonel H. A. Toulmin, an alumnus of our University from the class of 1913, College of Law. His purpose in donating the medal is to encourage engineering students to study the social and economic phases of our industrial system. The winner will be selected by Mr. Toulmin from a selected group of papers picked by a committee of faculty members.

The topic of the essay is to be "The Concentration and Decentralization of Manufacturing Industries in the State of Ohio." The knowledge and satisfaction to be gained from an earnest effort on this subject are well worth the time and energy of any engineering student. And it is open to all. Those wishing to enter the competition may do so by contacting Professor John Younger at the Industrial Engineering building.